The meeting was called to order by Chair Gordon DeWolf at 7:03 p.m.

MINUTES: Eric Tunley made a motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2016. Brian Silva second. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes of August 10, 2016 as presented.

SEABOARD SOLAR: Sean Reaney, Nautilus Solar, Project Manager, Pedro Rodriguez, Seaboard Solar, and Rory Walker, Seaboard Solar were present. Pedro presented a plan to cut two acres of trees on the side of the hill on the slope of the project shadowing the solar field. Eric Tunley said the Commission is glad that you are continuing the project as clearing the area had displaced bears that lived there. There will be no stumping and there are no wetlands in the area. The plan is to drop the trees and let them lie. Gordon DeWolf said that he and Jim Daley made a site visit and were impressed with the cleanup of the site since last year. The Commission requested that Seaboard Solar put in writing that trees would not be removed from the site and they agreed.

7:15 P.M.: REQUEST OF DETERMINATION-Board of Health, 78 Wigwam Road, removal of fifty trees surrounding the landfill and some brush using a maintenance road that runs through the property. Present were Jason Paquette, John Frizzell, Board of Health members, Sarah Allen, Board of Health Administrative Assistant, Selectboard member Diane Vayda, Kevin Chobut, Logger and residents Mary Jane Haesche, Tim Nolan. Jason Paquette said the DEP has requested trees near the landfill be cut. The Board of Health bartered with Logger Kevin Chobut to cut 50 trees for the wood. A complaint of trees (very large trees) cut in a wetland area with a large tree lying over Bradish Brook was brought to the attention of the Conservation Commission. Conservation members Eric Tunley, Richard Provencher and Brian Silva made a site visit to the area and even though we are in a draught, there was evidence of wetlands. Town Forester Jim DiMaio was asked to look at the site as it was one of the Town Forests. Under a Forest Management Plan, all the big beautiful trees would be kept and you would take out the smaller ones. The Selectboard in attendance (Sarah Allen and Diane Vayda) stated that the Selectboard did not sign off and approve the Forest Management Plan for this area. General Discussion between Conservation Commission members, Board of
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Health members, Selectboard and residents regarding bartering issue versus putting out to bid, possible ethics issue, cutting the largest trees in a wetland, question of Town Forest issue, value of trees cut and sawmill value, tagging trees to be removed, a plan to remove or not remove trees without disturbing the wetlands. After much discussion, it was decided to call in DCR Forester Kate Markey to make a site visit and give us her opinion on how to resolve this issue. Secretary will contact her. Eric Tunley made a motion to continue the Public Hearing until after the site visit by DCR Forester Kate Markey. Richard Provencher second. Vote was unanimous to continue the Public Hearing at a meeting following the site visit.

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE: Matthew Woodward, 20 Beach Drive, retaining wall placed above the shoreline of Lake Wickaboag. Brian Silva made the site visit and the work has been completed. A Certificate of Compliance was issued.

Dean Wisniewski attended our meeting. He explained all the extensive work he had done to his property when he built his house 26 years ago. He had difficulty finding a spot that would percolate because of high water table and how he had paved part of Nipmuck Road to prevent run off entering his driveway. He stated that Barry Nadon had filled and brought up the grade of the property at Snow Road where before it was lower than Nipmuck. He stated that Barry Nadon was entering and exiting his property on Snow Road by way of Joe Ward’s property on Nipmuck Road. According to Dean Wisnewski, Joe Ward had asked Barry Nadon to stop. The Conservation Commission told Dean that this was not our jurisdiction and we have no control over this matter. This is a civil matter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary